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10:00 — 40th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

[webcast]

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [item 42]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/70/120*)

(b) Draft resolution (A/70/L.2)

Security Council

10:00 — 7543rd meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014) and 2191 (2014) (S/2015/813)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria) (S/2015/813)

Other matters

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[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7543rd meeting.

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15:00	7544th meeting	Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

Afternoon[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

1267/1989 Committee

1559 report (S/2015/764)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7544th meeting of the Security Council.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

First Committee

15:00 to 18:00 — 18th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items (items 88 to 105)

Conventional weapons cluster *(continued)*

Disarmament machinery cluster [*Panellists:* President of the Conference on Disarmament, Chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission, Chair of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters and Director of United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research]

[Documents of the Committee: *item 88* (A/70/139, A/70/139/Add.1 and A/C.1/70/L.17); *item 89* (A/70/29 and A/C.1/70/L.18); *item 90* (A/C.1/70/L.55); *item 91*; *item 92* (A/70/174, A/70/172 and A/70/172/Add.1); *item 93* (A/70/153 (Part I) and A/70/153 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/70/L.1); *item 94* (A/C.1/70/L.32); *item 95* (A/C.1/70/L.3 and A/C.1/70/L.47); *item 96* (A/C.1/70/L.22); *item 97* (A/70/168, A/70/168/Add.1, A/70/81, A/70/181, A/70/163, A/70/163/Add.1, A/70/164, A/70/164/Add.1, A/70/155, A/70/117, A/70/183, A/70/157, A/70/169, A/70/169/Add.1, A/70/170, A/70/170/Add.1, A/70/182, A/70/182/Add.1, A/C.1/70/2, A/C.1/70/L.4, A/C.1/70/L.6, A/C.1/70/L.7, A/C.1/70/L.9, A/C.1/70/L.10, A/C.1/70/L.11, A/C.1/70/L.13, A/C.1/70/L.15, A/C.1/70/L.19, A/C.1/70/L.20, A/C.1/70/L.25, A/C.1/70/L.27, A/C.1/70/L.31, A/C.1/70/L.33, A/C.1/70/L.34, A/C.1/70/L.35, A/C.1/70/L.36 and A/C.1/70/L.37); *item 98* (A/70/116, A/70/138, A/70/114, A/70/165, A/C.1/70/L.8, A/C.1/70/L.21, A/C.1/70/L.23, A/C.1/70/L.42 and A/C.1/70/L.77); *item 99* (A/70/177, A/70/186, A/70/27, A/70/42, A/C.1/70/L.14, A/C.1/70/L.30 and A/C.1/70/L.29); *item 100* (A/70/153 (Part II) (to be

issued) and A/C.1/70/L.2); *item 101* (A/C.1/70/L.24); *item 102* (A/70/160, A/70/160/Add.1 and A/C.1/70/L.5); *item 103* (A/70/171 and A/70/159); *item 104* (A/C.1/70/L.12); and *item 105*

Other documents: Organization of work (A/C.1/70/1, A/C.1/70/INF/1, A/C.1/70/INF/4, A/C.1/70/CRP.1 and A/C.1/70/CRP.2).]

[The list of speakers for thematic discussion is now closed. Delegations are reminded that the time limit for statements during the thematic discussions is *five minutes* when speaking in the national capacity, and *seven minutes* for statements on behalf of several delegations. The names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Kenji Nakano, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9277; Room S-3058). An advance unedited version of the list of delegations has been posted on the QuickFirst Website. Subsequently, any additions and or changes to the list can be forwarded to the Secretary (please see instructions above). The list will be finalized and officially issued on Friday, 30 October. The names of participants submitted after issuance of the list would be included in an addendum, to be issued after the conclusion of the Committee's work.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales, or form A/INF/70/2, will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; Room S-3057). Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Website (*click here*). For inquiries regarding access to QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org). Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the First Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the First Committee PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only when read out by the delegation.

A First Committee side events calendar is available by *clicking here*. To have an event added on the list, please contact Ms. Soo Hyun Kim (e-mail kim12@un.org).]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10:00 to 13:00 13th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information (A/70/21 and A/70/220) [item 58]

Introductory statement by the Rapporteur of the Committee on Information

Introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Interactive dialogue

General debate

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers of the remaining items of the agenda of the Committee are kindly requested to send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the seventieth session of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart4@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Statements will be made available on the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) PaperSmart portal *(click here)* only after

delivery by delegations. Delegations are reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Sonia Elliott, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail 4thcommittee@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Representatives of Member States wishing to be included in the Fourth Committee mailing list are requested to send an e-mail from an official Permanent Mission e-mail address to 4thcommittee@un.org indicating name, delegation and e-mail address.

Delegates may also follow the open formal meetings of the Committee via Live webcast on the United Nations Web TV website (*click here*). The direct link to the archived videos can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Second Committee

15:00 to 18:00 20th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions (A/C.2/70/2) [item 18]

   (a) International trade and development (A/70/15 (Part I), A/70/15 (Part II), A/70/15 (Part III), A/70/152, A/70/277 and A/C.2/70/3)

   (b) International financial system and development (A/70/311)

   (c) External debt sustainability and development (A/70/278)

   (d) Commodities (A/70/184)

2. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (A/70/320, A/70/85–E/2015/77, A/C.2/70/2 and A/CONF.227/20) [item 19]

Continuation of the joint discussion of the two items

[The Second Committee programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the seventieth session of the General Assembly are available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).The list of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items of the Second Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)).

Deadline for inscription to the lists of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items is *18:00* of the day before the consideration of the item. Pursuant to General Assembly decision 65/530 on improving the working methods of the Second Committee, delegations are reminded that the time limits of *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general discussion on individual agenda items will be observed. The lists of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available during the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The name of the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).]

Third Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 29th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/70/40) [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/70/56, A/70/111, A/70/154, A/70/166, A/70/167, A/70/203, A/70/212, A/70/213, A/70/216, A/70/217, A/70/255, A/70/257, A/70/258, A/70/259, A/70/260, A/70/261, A/70/263, A/70/266,A/70/270, A/70/271, A/70/274, A/70/275, A/70/279, A/70/279/Corr.1, A/70/285, A/70/286, A/70/287, A/70/290, A/70/297, A/70/303, A/70/304, A/70/306, A/70/310, A/70/316, A/70/334, A/70/342, A/70/345, A/70/347, A/70/361, A/70/371, A/70/405, A/70/414, A/70/415 and A/70/438 (to be issued))

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/70/313, A/70/332, A/70/352, A/70/362, A/70/392, A/70/393, A/70/411 (to be issued), A/70/412 (to be issued), A/C.3/70/2, A/C.3/70/4 (to be issued) and A/C.3/70/5 (to be issued))

Introductory statements, followed by interactive dialogues

Chair of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

15:00 to 18:00 — 30th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/70/40) [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/70/56, A/70/111, A/70/154, A/70/166, A/70/167, A/70/203, A/70/212, A/70/213, A/70/216, A/70/217, A/70/255, A/70/257, A/70/258, A/70/259, A/70/260, A/70/261, A/70/263, A/70/266,A/70/270, A/70/271, A/70/274, A/70/275, A/70/279, A/70/279Corr.1, A/70/285, A/70/286, A/70/287, A/70/290, A/70/297, A/70/303, A/70/304, A/70/306, A/70/310, A/70/316, A/70/334, A/70/342, A/70/345, A/70/347, A/70/361, A/70/371, A/70/405, A/70/414, A/70/415 and A/70/438 (to be issued))

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Introductory statements, followed by interactive dialogues

Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on the remaining items of the Third Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail slthirdcommittee@un.org). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail lpthirdcommittee@un.org; Room S-1286)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the seventieth session as well as deadlines for inscription in the speakers lists and submission of draft proposals, is available by *clicking here*. All delegations that have not yet done so are kindly requested to transmit to the secretariat of the Third Committee, the completed form listing the duly accredited diplomats of their mission wishing to use the eSponsorship platform and QuickPlace. The form should be e-mailed to thirdcommittee@un.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace and the eSponsorship platform, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail thirdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org). Delegations are reminded that dissemination of their statements via PaperSmart is available. Delegations wishing to circulate statements electronically should e-mail the statement(s) at least one hour in advance of expected delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The agenda item under which the statement is to be delivered, as well as the date of the meeting should be clearly indicated on the first page of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Fifth Committee

10:00 — 10th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) (A/70/329* and A/70/7/Add.2)

Introduction and general discussion

Global Service Delivery Model (GSDM) (A/70/323* and A/70/436)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 133]

Capital master plan (A/70/343, A/70/5 (Vol. V), A/70/338 (Chapt. III), A/70/338/Corr.1 and A/70/441)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) (A/70/329* and A/70/7/Add.2))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 10th meeting.

15:00 to 16:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 147 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/70/331))

16:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Global Service Delivery Model (GSDM) (A/70/323* and A/70/436))

[Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit, as soon as possible, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org), prior to the start of the meeting.

Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by *clicking here*.]

Sixth Committee

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Administration of justice at the United Nations [item 143]

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The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

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Delegates are invited to access the online form on the website of the Sixth Committee for purposes of registering for the Committee's UNITE Connections community (for the seventieth session), as well as to join the e-mail contact list of representatives attending the Sixth Committee.]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 27 October 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

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Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Triennial United Nations Conferences on Oceans and Seas" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Fiji)

From 14:30 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6, entitled "Culture and Sustainable Development" (under agenda item 22 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

From 15:00 to18:00, at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1002).

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

From 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

From 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

From 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of indigenous peoples" (under agenda item 69 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia)

From 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

From 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National Human Rights Institutions" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Recognizing the role of human rights defenders and the need for their protection" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 7.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.19/Rev.1, entitled "Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing" (under the agenda item 28 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Argentina on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety of journalists and the issue of impunity" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

From 16:30 to 18:30, in Conference Room B.

Sixth Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rule of law at the national and international levels" (under agenda item 85) (convened by the delegations of Liechtenstein and Mexico)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 27 October 2015

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the expert level)

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

14:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Other activities

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Event on "Leave no-one behind: Guaranteeing attention to vulnerable groups in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

From 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Nenad Vasic, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org).]

Briefing on "Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)" (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachel Morris, OECD (e-mail rachel.morris@oecd.org).]

Event on "Disability as a condition of life and rehabilitation aimed at inclusion: The role of civil society" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico and Fundación Teletón)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bruno Ríos, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail brios@sre.gob.mx; tel. 1 (212) 752-0220).]

Event on the "United Nations Principles on Debt Restructuring in Motion: A human rights kick-start" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. María Rosa Révora, Permanent Mission of Argentina (e-mail enaun@mrecic.gov.ar; tel: 1 (212) 688-6300, exts. 227 or 222).]

Panel discussion entitled "Toward the full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Italy, Poland, Republic of Korea and the United Republic of Tanzania, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Janice Yoon, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea (e-mail jyoon715@gmail.com; tel. 1 (718) 801-1783).]

Panel discussion on "Effective implementation of Security Council targeted sanctions, key to promoting peace and security" (on the occasion of the launch of the SanctionsApp Version 3.0) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Stephanie Winet, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail stephanie.winet@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (212) 286-1540).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

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Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:30	Mr. David O'Connor, Chief of the Policy and Analysis Branch from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (on the *2015 Asia-Pacific Disaster Report*)
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
13:00	Mr. Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
14:00	His Excellency Bruno Rodríguez Parilla, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings as follows:

On Friday, 30 October 2015, at *10:30*, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 121 (Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council).

On *Tuesday, 3 November 2015*, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider in a joint debate, agenda item 119 (Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations) and agenda item 120 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly).

On Wednesday, 4 November 2015, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 118 (Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade) (reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/221 and A/70/136)).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org) with copy to Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

General Assembly
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10:00 41st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/355) [item 113 (a)]
2. Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council [item 113 (e)]

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Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 10, to Tuesday, 17 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

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The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; with a copy to heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session.

The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

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Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 28 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 274th meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 30 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 8, to consider and adopt the report of the Committee. Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (Mr. Surya Sinha, e-mail sinha1@un.org; Room S-3632). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public.

Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5).

Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Monday, 9 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2, and will continue from 15:00 to 18:00, if necessary.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, the names of their representatives attending the Pledging Conference to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Radhika Ochalik (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the Pledging Conference is now *open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, the Secretary of the Conference (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Pledging Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org.

The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Pledging Conference PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 73 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6; and

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 73) (convened by the delegation of the European Union)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Agricultural technology for development" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Israel)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards comprehensive cooperation of all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 13:30 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global Code of Ethics for Tourism" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Financial system" (under agenda item 18 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Eradication of Poverty" (under agenda item 24 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.14, entitled "Persons with albinism" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 09:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Southern African Development Community (SADC) Girl Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Botswana)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward the full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Italy, Poland, the Republic of Korea and the United Republic of Tanzania)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.7, entitled "Violence against women migrant workers" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.15, entitled "Integrating volunteering into peace and development: the plan of action for the next decade" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Brazil and Japan)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 09:00 to 09:45, in Conference Room 9.

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and

Friday, 30 October 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9.

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on "United Nations military transparency instruments: What they are, and how to report" (for delegates of the First Committee) (organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA))

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Antonio Evora, UNODA (e-mail evora@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5876).]

Event entitled "Seconds to Stop the Final Countdown: the Cuba Missile Crisis in Okinawa" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Claudio Garrido, Permanent Mission of Chile (e-mail cgarrido@minrel.gov.cl; tel. 1 (917) 322-6807).]

Event on "Addressing Biothreats: Why Global Health Security Matters?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland, in collaboration with the Stimson Center)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room E.

[All permanent missions are invited. For Further information, please contact Mr. Marko Mäntylä, Permanent Mission of Finland (e-mail marko.mantyla@formin.fi; tel. 1 (646) 541-3497).]

Event on "The Human Right to Sanitation for All by 2030" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Brazil, Germany and Spain and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Valentina Roxana Sisilica, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail valentina.sisilica@maec.es).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "A Personal and Political Quest for Gender Justice" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Wednesday, 28 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please, *click here* for further information.]

Event on "Illicit financial flows, human rights and the post-2015 development agenda " (co-organized by the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Gunnar Theissen, OHCHR (e-mail gtheissen@ohchr.org); or Mr. Nenad Vasic, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).]

Panel discussion on "The Success of Multilateral Diplomacy at 70" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net).]

Dialogue with International Law Practitioners on "Dispute Adjudication" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Monday, 2 November 2015, at 08:00, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net).]

Expert Group Meeting on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the East-West Center)

Monday, 2 November 2015, from 09:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, Conference Room 8; and

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 09:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Theresa Nguyen, Population Division, DESA (e-mail poppolicy@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8089).]

Briefing on "The Economics and Politics of the Poverty Line" by the World Bank Group Chief Economist (organized by the World Bank)

Monday, 2 November 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Achraf Rissafi, World Bank (e-mail arissafi@worldbank.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4721).]

Briefing on "Activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)" (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, Department of Political Affairs)

Monday, 2 November 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

[The briefing is open only to permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. John Michael Medina, CTITF (e-mail medina9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6290).]

High-level event on "The importance of nationality in today's world" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Italy and Thailand and the United States Mission)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact UNHCR Liaison Office in New York (Ms. Anne-Christine Eriksson, (e-mail eriksson@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5229); or Ms. Els Jellema (e-mail jellema@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9145).]

Briefing on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea and the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kim Hae-ryun, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea (e-mail korea.un_2c@mofa.go.kr).]

Launch of the United Nations University Policy Report entitled *What Comes after the War on Drugs?* (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387); to register, please *click here*).]

Event on "Meet the Institute of International Law" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 08:30 to 09:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabriela Potts, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail gabriela.potts@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (917) 289-9854).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), as follows:

For the month of October 2015

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Introduction to Library Services

For the month of November 2015

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

United Nations Regular Budget Documentation

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to Library Services

General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (http://www.un.org/depts/dhl).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 30 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 26 October 2015

General Assembly

Seventieth session

[archived video]

39th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Excellency Ali Abdussalam Treki, President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

The President, on behalf of the General Assembly, conveyed his condolences to the Government and the people of Libya and to the bereaved family of His Excellency Ali Abdussalam Treki.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone (on behalf of the African States), Cambodia (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Slovakia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Saint Kitts and Nevis (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Ireland (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country) and Libya.

Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal [item 12]

The representative of Brazil made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/70/L.3.

His Excellency Lundeg Purevsuren, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the European Union, Monaco, Tunisia, Japan, Greece, Morocco, Singapore, Qatar, the United Republic of Tanzania, India, Italy, Zambia, Cuba, Argentina and Ukraine.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 64/3 of 19 October 2009, Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/70/L.3 (resolution 70/4).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Main Committees

First Committee

[archived video]

16th meeting

Thematic discussions

The Committee continued the second phase of its work, namely thematic discussion on specific subjects and the introduction and consideration of draft resolutions and decisions submitted on all disarmament and related international security agenda items (88 to 105).

The Committee began its discussion on conventional weapons.

An introductory statement was made by the Chair of the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts under the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (Republic of Moldova).

The meeting was suspended for a question-and-answer period.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), Uruguay (on behalf of the Union of South American Nations), the Republic of Moldova, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the European Union, Algeria, Pakistan, the United States, France (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.16, entitled "Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus", also on behalf of Germany), Singapore, Israel, the Netherlands, South Africa (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.39, entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects", also on behalf of Colombia and Japan), Australia, the Czech Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan, Switzerland, Senegal, Iraq, China, Ireland, Croatia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.49, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions"), Italy, Egypt, New Zealand, Cuba and India.

17th meeting

Thematic discussions

The Committee continued the second phase of its work, namely thematic discussion on specific subjects and the introduction and consideration of draft resolutions and decisions submitted on all disarmament and related international security agenda items (88 to 105).

The Committee continued its discussion on conventional weapons.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States, who also introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.57, entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa"), Thailand, Libya, Romania, Austria, the Republic of Korea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Ecuador, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Bangladesh, Serbia, Spain, Zambia, Turkey, Slovakia, Jamaica, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Liberia, Mozambique, Morocco, Finland, Eritrea, Lithuania, Kuwait, Sweden and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of South Africa also made a statement.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

Second Committee

[archived video]

18th meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [item 64]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard a statement by the observer for the State of Palestine.

The Committee then heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Oman (on behalf of the Arab Group), the Syrian Arab Republic, Nicaragua, Malaysia, Iraq, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Qatar, Egypt, Maldives, Costa Rica, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kuwait, Zimbabwe, Libya, Jordan, Indonesia, the Sudan, Oman, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Namibia, Zambia and Saudi Arabia.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chair (Slovenia).

19th meeting

The Chair (Slovenia) made a statement.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [item 64]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel, as well as by the observer for the State of Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Macroeconomic policy questions [item 18]

(a) International trade and development

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt sustainability and development

(d) Commodities

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development [item 19]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the agenda items.

Introductory statements were made by His Excellency Alfredo Suescum, Permanent Representative of Panama to the World Trade Organization and Vice-Chair of the Trade and Development Board (under item 18 (a)); Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director of the International Trade in Goods, Services and Commodities Division of UNCTAD (also under item 18 (a)); Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director of the Financing for Development Office of DESA (under item 18 (b) and item 19); Mr. Dusan Zivkovic of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of UNCTAD (under item 18 (c)); and Mr. Namsuk Kim of the Committee for Development Policy Secretariat (under item 18 (a)).

The Committee began its general discussion of agenda item 18 as a whole, jointly with agenda item 19 and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Malaysia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian

Nations), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community); Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries); Maldives (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Zambia (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States), the European Union and New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia and Canada).

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Germany) made a statement.

Third Committee

[archived video]

27th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

Introductory statements and interactive dialogues

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Morocco, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba, Algeria and the Russian Federation.

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of the Sudan, Argentina, Morocco and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Committee also heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Iraq, Cuba, the Sudan, Algeria, Belarus, the Russian Federation, Zimbabwe, the Syrian Arab Republic, Morocco and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Chair of the Committee made a statement.

28th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

Introductory statements and interactive dialogues

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of

Pakistan, the European Union, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Cuba, Morocco and Mexico.

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Mexico, the United Kingdom, the United States, Morocco, Qatar, the Russian Federation, the European Union, Switzerland, Brazil, Iraq, Nigeria, the Syrian Arab Republic and Pakistan.

The Committee also heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Morocco, Colombia, the United States, Argentina, the European Union, Brazil, Armenia, Switzerland, Nigeria and Norway.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Georgia) made a statement.

Sixth Committee

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16th meeting

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [item 82]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 82.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, Portugal, Viet Nam, Thailand, Argentina, Nigeria, El Salvador, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Barbados, Brazil, Lebanon, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Russian Federation.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 82.

Administration of justice at the United Nations [item 143]

The Committee commenced its consideration of agenda item 143.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC)), the European Union, also on behalf of its member States (the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, as well as the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with this statement), Australia (CANZ), Switzerland, the United States, Brazil and the Philippines.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 143.

Observer status for the International Civil Defence Organization in the General Assembly [item 171]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 171.

The representative of the Russian Federation spoke.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.6 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 171.

Observer status for the Indian Ocean Rim Association in the General Assembly
[item 172]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 172.

The representative of Australia announced that Mauritius, Seychelles and the United States of America had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.8.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.8 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 172.

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Slovakia
His Excellency František Ružička

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

10:00 — *42nd plenary meeting* — General Assembly Hall

[webcast]

1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/355) [item 113 (a)]
2. Election of eighteen members of the Human Rights Council [item 113 (e)]

Security Council

10:00 — 7545th meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2015/729)

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) (S/2015/729)

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[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 7545th meeting.

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First Committee

15:00 to 18:00 — 19th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

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Disarmament machinery cluster *(continued)*

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Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10:00 to 13:00 — 14th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information (A/70/21 and A/70/220) [item 58]

Continuation of the general debate

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Second Committee

10:00 — 21st meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions (A/C.2/70/2) [item 18]
   - (a) International trade and development (A/70/15 (Part I), A/70/15 (Part II), A/70/15 (Part III), A/70/152, A/70/277 and A/C.2/70/3)
   - (b) International financial system and development (A/70/311)
   - (c) External debt sustainability and development (A/70/278)
   - (d) Commodities (A/70/184)
2. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (A/70/320, A/70/85–E/2015/77, A/C.2/70/2 and A/CONF.227/20) [item 19]

Continuation and conclusion of the joint discussion of the two items

Morning[1] to 13:00 — Informal briefing

Informal briefing on the draft resolution on consumer protection and the guidelines for consumer protection as contained in the annex to document A/C.2/70/3 [item 18 (a)]

15:00 to 18:00 — 22nd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2

Information and communications technologies for development (A/70/63–E/2015/10, A/70/360 and A/C.2/70.2)) [item 17]

Introductory statements, followed by "question time"

General discussion

[The Second Committee programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the seventieth session of the General Assembly are available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).The list of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items of the Second Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, the Acting Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)).

Deadline for inscription to the lists of speakers for the general discussion on individual agenda items is *18:00* of the day before the consideration of the item. Pursuant to General Assembly decision 65/530 on improving the working methods of the Second Committee, delegations are reminded that the time limits of *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general discussion on individual agenda items will be observed. The lists of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available during the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The name of the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).]

[1]To be held immediately following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 31st meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/70/40) [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/70/56, A/70/111, A/70/154, A/70/166, A/70/167, A/70/203, A/70/212, A/70/213, A/70/216, A/70/217, A/70/255, A/70/257, A/70/258, A/70/259, A/70/260, A/70/261, A/70/263, A/70/266,A/70/270, A/70/271, A/70/274, A/70/275,

A/70/279, A/70/279/Corr.1, A/70/285, A/70/286, A/70/287, A/70/290, A/70/297, A/70/303, A/70/304, A/70/306, A/70/310, A/70/316, A/70/334, A/70/342, A/70/345, A/70/347, A/70/361, A/70/371, A/70/405, A/70/414, A/70/415 and A/70/438 (to be issued))

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/70/313, A/70/332, A/70/352, A/70/362, A/70/392, A/70/393, A/70/411, A/70/412, A/C.3/70/2, A/C.3/70/4 and A/C.3/70/5)

Introductory statements, followed by interactive dialogues

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons

Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation

15:00 to 18:00 32nd meeting [webcast] Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/70/40) [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/70/56, A/70/111, A/70/154, A/70/166, A/70/167, A/70/203, A/70/212, A/70/213, A/70/216, A/70/217, A/70/255, A/70/257, A/70/258, A/70/259, A/70/260, A/70/261, A/70/263, A/70/266,A/70/270, A/70/271, A/70/274, A/70/275, A/70/279, A/70/279Corr.1, A/70/285, A/70/286, A/70/287, A/70/290, A/70/297, A/70/303, A/70/304, A/70/306, A/70/310, A/70/316, A/70/334, A/70/342, A/70/345, A/70/347, A/70/361, A/70/371, A/70/405, A/70/414, A/70/415 and A/70/438 (to be issued))

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/70/313, A/70/332, A/70/352, A/70/362, A/70/392, A/70/393, A/70/411, A/70/412, A/C.3/70/2, A/C.3/70/4 and A/C.3/70/5)

Introductory statements, followed by interactive dialogues

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on the remaining items of the Third Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail slthirdcommittee@un.org). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail lpthirdcommittee@un.org; Room S-1286)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. Background information on the work of the Third Committee, including the provisional programme of work for the seventieth session as well as deadlines for inscription in the speakers lists and submission of draft proposals, is available by *clicking here*. All delegations that have not yet done so are kindly requested to transmit to the secretariat of the Third Committee, the completed form listing the duly accredited diplomats of their mission wishing to use the eSponsorship platform and QuickPlace. The form should be e-mailed to thirdcommittee@un.org. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords for Third Committee QuickPlace and the eSponsorship platform, please contact Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail thirdcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4882).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on draft proposals should be sent to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org). Delegations are reminded that dissemination of their statements via PaperSmart is available. Delegations wishing to circulate statements electronically

should e-mail the statement(s) at least one hour in advance of expected delivery to papersmart3@un.org. The agenda item under which the statement is to be delivered, as well as the date of the meeting should be clearly indicated on the first page of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.]

Fifth Committee

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017)

(A/70/6 (Introduction)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 1), A/70/6 (Sect. 2), A/70/6 (Sect. 2)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 3), A/70/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 4)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 5), A/70/6 (Sect. 5)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 6), A/70/6 (Sect. 7), A/70/6 (Sect. 8)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 9)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 10), A/70/6 (Sect. 11)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 12), A/70/6 (Sect. 13), A/70/6 (Sect. 14), A/70/6 (Sect. 14)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 15), A/70/6 (Sect. 16), A/70/6 (Sect. 17), A/70/6 (Sect. 17)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 18), A/70/6 (Sect. 18)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 19), A/70/6 (Sect. 20), A/70/6 (Sect. 21), A/70/6 (Sect. 22), A/70/6 (Sect. 23), A/70/6 (Sect. 24), A/70/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 25), A/70/6 (Sect. 26), A/70/6 (Sect. 27), A/70/6 (Sect. 28), A/70/6 (Sect. 28)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 28)/Corr.2, A/70/6 (Sect. 29), A/70/6 (Sect. 29A), A/70/6 (Sect. 29A)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29B)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29C)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29C)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29D), A/70/6 (Sect. 29E)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 29F), A/70/6 (Sect. 29F)/Corr.1, A/70/6 (Sect. 29G), A/70/6 (Sect. 29H)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 30), A/70/6 (Sect. 31), A/70/6 (Sect. 8)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 33)*, A/70/6 (Sect. 34), A/70/6 (Sect. 35), A/70/6 (Sect. 36)*, A/70/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/70/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/70/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/70/97, A/70/86, A/70/7, A/70/16* (Chapter II A – relevant parts), A/70/80* (Chapter I), A/70/280 and A/70/280/Add.1)

[Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit, as soon as possible, the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org), prior to the start of the meeting.

Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by *clicking here*.]

Sixth Committee

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission (A/70/208) [item 80]

15:00 to 16:00 Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Administration of justice at the United Nations [item 143]

17:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

Administration of justice at the United Nations [item 143]

[Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal (*click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of the delivery to papersmart6@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the Sixth Committee PaperSmart portal only when read out by the delegation.

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegates are invited to access the online form on the website of the Sixth Committee for purposes of registering for the Committee's UNITE Connections community (for the seventieth session), as well as to join the e-mail contact list of representatives attending the Sixth Committee.]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 28 October 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

First Committee

Informal consultations on the revised draft resolution entitled "Declaration for the Achievement of a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World" (under agenda item 97 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Kazakhstan)

From 08:30 to 09:45, in Conference Room A.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Agricultural technology for development" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Israel)

From 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards comprehensive cooperation of all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

From 13:30 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global Code of Ethics for Tourism" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Financial system" (under agenda item 18 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Eradication of Poverty" (under agenda item 24 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

From 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

From 09:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) resolutions (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba) (with NAM Members)

From 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The girl child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Botswana)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward the full realization of an inclusive and accessible United Nations for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Italy, Poland, the Republic of Korea and the United Republic of Tanzania)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.7, entitled "Violence against women migrant workers" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)

From 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.13, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room S-2722.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.15, entitled "Integrating volunteering into peace and development: the plan of action for the next decade" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Brazil and Japan)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The Right to Development and Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of Human Rights" (under agenda item 72 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

From 18:00 to 20:00, in Conference Room B.

Sixth Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" (under agenda item 108) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

From 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rule of law at the national and international levels" (under agenda item 85) (convened by the delegations of Liechtenstein and Mexico)

From 16:00 to 17:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 28 October 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

18:15 to 20:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 09:45	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

OIC Group (Sixth Committee Experts)

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Wednesday, 28 October 2015

Briefing on "United Nations military transparency instruments: What they are, and how to report" (for delegates of the First Committee) (organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Antonio Evora, UNODA (e-mail evora@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5876).]

Event entitled "Seconds to Stop the Final Countdown: the Cuba Missile Crisis in Okinawa" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Claudio Garrido, Permanent Mission of Chile (e-mail cgarrido@minrel.gov.cl; tel. 1 (917) 322-6807).]

Event on "Addressing Biothreats: Why Global Health Security Matters?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland, in collaboration with the Stimson Center)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E.

[All permanent missions are invited. For Further information, please contact Mr. Marko Mäntylä, Permanent Mission of Finland (e-mail marko.mantyla@formin.fi; tel. 1 (646) 541-3497).]

Event on "The Human Right to Sanitation for All by 2030" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Brazil, Germany and Spain and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Valentina Roxana Sisilica, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail valentina.sisilica@maec.es).]

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "A Personal and Political Quest for Gender Justice" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7. [webcast]

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please, *click here* for further information.]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 28 October 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00	Mr. Marzuki Darusman, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Mr. Philippe Lazzarini, Deputy Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator]

Security Council stakeout [webcast]

16:30 (approximately)	Her Excellency Dina Kawar, Permanent Representative of Jordan; and His Excellency Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi, Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia (press encounter)

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings as follows:

On Tuesday, 3 November 2015, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider in a joint debate, agenda item 119 (Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations) and agenda item 120 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly).

On Wednesday, 4 November 2015, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 118 (Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade) (reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/221 and A/70/136)).

On Thursday, 5 November 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 75 (Report of the International Court of Justice) (document (A/70/4)) and agenda item 78 (Report of the International Criminal Court) (note by the Secretary-General (A/70/350)).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org) with copy to Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 30 October 2015

General Assembly
Seventieth session

10:30 — 43rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council [item 121]

General Assembly
Seventieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 10, to Tuesday, 17 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; with a copy to heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 29 October 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 274th meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 30 October 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 8, to consider and adopt the report of the Committee. Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (Mr. Surya Sinha, e-mail sinha1@un.org; Room S-3632). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public.

Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5).

Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Monday, 9 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2, and will continue from 15:00 to 18:00, if necessary.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, the names of their representatives attending the Pledging Conference to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Radhika Ochalik (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the Pledging Conference is now *open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, the Secretary of the Conference (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Pledging Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org.

The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Pledging Conference PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 73 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6; and

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 73) (convened by the delegation of the European Union)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in *Conference Room 7*;

Monday, 2 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9; and

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "World Tsunami Day" (under agenda item 20 (c)) (convened by the delegations of Chile and Japan)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled "Women in development" (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Climate change" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of France and Morocco)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 13:30 to 15:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6, entitled "Culture and sustainable development" (under agenda item 22 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

Thursday, 29 October 20015, from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1002).

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.4, entitled "Proclamation of an International Day of Women in Science" (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Malta)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.5, entitled "International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 15:30 to 17:30, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegations of the European Union and Uruguay (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC))

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto" (under agenda item 72 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Freedom of Religion and Belief" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of the European Union)

Thursday, 29 October, 2015, from 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.11, entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.16, entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Uganda (on behalf of the African Group))

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.9, entitled "Promoting social integration through social inclusion" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 12:00 to 13:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National Human Rights Institutions" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy) and draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.10, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Italy and Mexico)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 14:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Recognizing the role of human rights defenders and the need for their protection" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 18:00 to 20:00, in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber; and

Friday, 30 October 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9.

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Meeting on "Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Ratification, Accession and Implementation in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Nigeria and Sweden, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, and Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI))

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Birgitta Tsoma, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail birgitta.tsoma@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2527).]

Event on "Illicit financial flows, human rights and the post-2015 development agenda " (co-organized by the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Gunnar Theissen, OHCHR (e-mail gtheissen@ohchr.org); or Mr. Nenad Vasic, OHCHR New York Office (e-mail vasic@un.org; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).]

Panel discussion on "The Success of Multilateral Diplomacy at 70" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net).]

Briefing by the Co-facilitators of the 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

Thursday, 29 October 2015, from 16:30 to 17:30, in Conference Room F.

[The briefing is open to Permanent Representatives of NAM Caucus of the Peacebuilding Commission. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

Lecture and conversation series "The United Nations at 70: Some Reflections" (organized by the United Nations Academic Impact, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Friday, 30 October 2015, from 13:00 to 14:45, in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. La Neice Collins, United Nations Academic Impact, DPI (e-mail collins3@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1160).]

Dialogue with International Law Practitioners on "Dispute Adjudication" (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Monday, 2 November 2015, at 08:00, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net).]

Expert Group Meeting on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the East-West Center)

Monday, 2 November 2015, from 09:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, Conference Room 8; and

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 09:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Theresa Nguyen, Population Division, DESA (e-mail poppolicy@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8089).]

Briefing on "The Economics and Politics of the Poverty Line" by the World Bank Group Chief Economist (organized by the World Bank)

Monday, 2 November 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Achraf Rissafi, World Bank (e-mail arissafi@worldbank.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4721).]

Briefing on "Activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)" (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, Department of Political Affairs)

Monday, 2 November 2015, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

[The briefing is open only to permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. John Michael Medina, CTITF (e-mail medina9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6290).]

High-level event on "The importance of nationality in today's world" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Italy and Thailand and the United States Mission)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact UNHCR Liaison Office in New York (Ms. Anne-Christine Eriksson, (e-mail eriksson@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5229); or Ms. Els Jellema (e-mail jellema@unhcr.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9145).]

Briefing on "Policy Responses to Low Fertility" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea and the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kim Hae-ryun, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea (e-mail korea.un_2c@mofa.go.kr).]

Briefing on "The international humanitarian-law related issues of the thirty-second International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement" (organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross)

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Abby Zeith, ICRC (e-mail azeith@icrc.org; tel. 1 (212) 599-6021); or *click here*.]

Launch of the United Nations University Policy Report entitled *What Comes after the War on Drugs?* (organized by the United Nations University (UNU))

Tuesday, 3 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (e-mail kinzli@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387); to register, please *click here*).]

Event on "Meet the Institute of International Law" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 08:30 to 09:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gabriela Potts, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail gabriela.potts@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (917) 289-9854).]

Event entitled "Terrorism and International Criminal Law: Debate on Legal Challenges related to a prospective International Court against Terrorism" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Romania and Spain)

Wednesday, 4 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E.

[All are invited. For further information and for registration, please contact Ms. Corina Badea, Permanent Mission of Romania (e-mail corina.badea@romaniaun.org); or Ms. Maria Palacios, Permanent Mission of Spain (e-mail maria.palacios@maec.es).]

Panel discussion on "Compendium of the High Level Review of United Nations Sanctions" (on the occasion of the presentation and public release of the Compendium) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Finland, Germany, Greece and Sweden, the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University and Compliance and Capacity Skills International, LLC)

Thursday, 5 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Lukas Boehm, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-hosp5-vn@newy.diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0417).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), as follows:

For the month of October 2015

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Introduction to Library Services

For the month of November 2015

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Law Library Overview

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Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to Library Services

General Assembly Documentation

Security Council Documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (http://www.un.org/depts/dhl).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 30 October 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 27 October 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7543rd meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014) and 2191 (2014) (S/2015/813)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. O'Brien.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

7544th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by His Excellency Gerard van Bohemen, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, in his capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

[archived video]

40th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [item 42]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/70/120)*

(b) Draft resolution (A/70/L.2)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Sierra Leone (on behalf of the African States), Kuwait (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Paraguay (on behalf of the Southern Common Market) and Malaysia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

The General Assembly decided to close the list of speakers in the debate on this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Colombia, Viet Nam, Egypt, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, India, Algeria, Solomon Islands (also on behalf of Nauru), the Russian Federation, Brazil, China and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

His Excellency Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/70/L.2.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Nicaragua.

By 191 votes to 2, with no abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/70/L.2 (resolution 70/5).

The representative of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement) made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Mr. Eduardo Zuain, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina, made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

41st plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [item 42]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/70/120)*

(b) Draft resolution (A/70/L.2)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 42.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Sudan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Belarus, the Syrian Arab Republic, El Salvador, Tonga, Zambia, Israel, Indonesia, Angola, Zimbabwe, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Myanmar, Suriname and Uruguay.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 42.

Main Committees

First Committee

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18th meeting

Thematic discussions

The Committee continued the second phase of its work, namely thematic discussion on specific subjects and the introduction and consideration of draft resolutions and decisions submitted on all disarmament and related international security agenda items (88 to 105).

The Committee continued its discussion on conventional weapons.

Statements were made by the representatives of Somalia, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago, Guatemala, Nigeria (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.54, entitled "The Arms Trade Treaty", also on behalf of Mexico), Botswana and Belgium (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.50, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction", also on behalf of Chile and Mozambique).

The Committee began its discussion on disarmament machinery.

Introductory statements were made by the President of the Conference on Disarmament, the Chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission, the Chair of the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters and the Director of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

The meeting was suspended for an informal question-and-answer period.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.9, entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation" and draft decision A/C.1/70/L.11, entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament"), Uruguay (on behalf of the Union of South American Nations), Egypt (on behalf of the Group of Arab States), the European Union, Algeria, Pakistan, Mongolia, France (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.30, entitled "Thirty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research"), South Africa, India, Switzerland, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Austria and Spain.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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13th meeting

Questions relating to information [item 58]

The Rapporteur of the Committee on Information introduced the report of the Committee, contained in document A/70/21.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information introduced the Report of the Secretary-General on Questions relating to Information, contained in document A/70/220.

In the ensuing interactive dialogue, questions were posed by the representatives of Guatemala and the Islamic Republic of Iran, to which the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information responded.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on the item and heard statements by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of its member States), Guatemala (on behalf of the Group of Friends of Spanish at the United Nations), the Sudan, Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Lebanon.

A statement was made by the observer for the State of Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chair brought to the attention of the Committee that the list of speakers under item 58 will be closed at 18:00 on Tuesday, 27 October.

Second Committee

[archived video]

20th meeting

The Vice-Chair (Germany) made a statement.

Macroeconomic policy questions [item 18]

(a) International trade and development

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt sustainability and development

(d) Commodities

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development [item 19]

Continuation of the general discussion

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda item 18 as a whole, jointly with agenda item 19, and heard statements by the representatives of Belarus, Mexico, Jamaica, the Philippines, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Iraq, Brazil, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Norway, Japan, Algeria, Senegal, Cuba, Burkina

Faso, Egypt, Maldives, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Peru, Vanuatu, Kazakhstan, Morocco, the United States, Nigeria and China.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Germany) made a statement.

Third Committee

[archived video]

29th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

Introductory statements and interactive dialogues

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Chair of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Morocco, Switzerland, Mexico, Colombia, the European Union, the Czech Republic, Norway, Chile, the United States, Indonesia and South Africa.

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of the United States, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, the European Union, the Russian Federation, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Malaysia, the United Kingdom, Norway, Poland, Kazakhstan, Colombia, Pakistan and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The Committee also heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Qatar, the European Union, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Morocco.

Organization of work

The Chair of the Committee made a statement.

30th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights [item 72]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items.

Introductory statements and interactive dialogues

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Mexico, Israel, Norway (also on behalf of Denmark), the European Union, Switzerland, Morocco, Colombia, Chile and Costa Rica.

The Committee heard an introductory statement by the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of Mexico, Qatar, Indonesia, Spain, the European Union, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Maldives, Brazil, the United States, Morocco and the Sudan.

The Committee also heard an introductory statement by the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity, who engaged in an interactive dialogue with the representatives of the Philippines, Brazil and Morocco.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Guyana) made a statement.

Fifth Committee

[archived video]

10th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

International Public Sector Accounting Standards

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the eighth progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations (A/70/329*).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.2).

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Tuesday, 27 October immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting and would be coordinated by Mr. Shigetoshi Nagao (Japan).

Global service delivery model

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the Framework for a global service delivery model of the United Nations Secretariat (A/70/323*).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/436).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), the United States and Japan.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Tuesday, 27 October in the afternoon and would be coordinated by Ms. Elina Lemmetty-Hartoneva (Finland).

Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 [item 133]

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the thirteenth annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan (A/70/343).

The Director of External Audit (United Republic of Tanzania) and Chair of the Audit Operations Committee, Board of Auditors, Mr. Salhina Mkumba, introduced the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan (A/70/5 (Vol. V)).

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the United Nations and on the capital master plan (A/70/338 and A/70/338/Corr.1), which was previously introduced to the Committee under agenda item 131 (Financial reports and reports of the Board of Auditors), at its 5th meeting on 14 October 2015.

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/441).

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held as reflected in the Programme of Work and would be coordinated by Mr. Yotam Goren (Israel), Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Micronesia (Federated States of) (26 October 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sierra Leone
His Excellency Vandi Chidi Minah

Asia-Pacific States:
Cambodia
His Excellency Ry Tuy

Eastern European States:
Slovakia
His Excellency František Ružička

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
His Excellency Carlisle Richardson
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Western European and other States:
Ireland
His Excellency David Donoghue

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